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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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**PATENT**

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson	Docket No.:	41821.0236
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Filed:	March 11, 2000	Art Unit:	1641
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**


Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment in response to Applicant's amendment filed on July 9, 2004 which cancelled all claims drawn to the elected invention and presented only claims drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant hereby elects to pursue the claims drawn to the non-elected invention and has filed a divisional application directed to those claims. Applicant is filing this response to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, along with a two month extension, in order to keep this application pending so that the divisional application will be considered timely filed. The divisional application directed to claims 23-26 in Applicant's amendment dated July 6, 2004 was filed on November 11, 2004.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding any aspect of this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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